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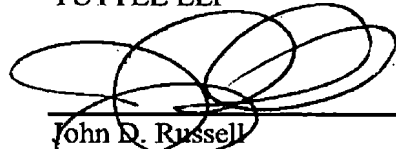
These amendments and remarks are responsive to the Office Action dated December 29, 2006. Applicants thank the Examiner for carefully considering the subject application.

Applicants respectfully submit that the double patenting issues under 35 USC 101 have been overcome by the amendments herein. Further, the obvious type double patenting issues are removed via the terminal disclaimers to US 6,640,539 and US 6,715,280 filed herewith.

Based on the foregoing comments, the above-identified application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such allowance is courteously solicited. If any further amendment is necessary to advance prosecution and place this case in allowable condition, the Examiner is courteously requested to contact the undersigned by fax or telephone at the number listed below.

Please charge any cost incurred in the filing of this Amendment, along with any other costs, to Deposit Account No. 503397.

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